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Subject: BC and the HST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Appended you will find information regarding the new Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) and the rally to protest it. Also provided are links to your MLA (<http://www.leg.bc.ca/mla/3-1-1.htm>) and the online petition (www.bcndp.ca/hstpetition) for you to sign if you so choose. Also you can read [Michael Smyth's column](#) as published in the Province newspaper 08/09/09.

In Solidarity,

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Read carefully. Many groups including our MLAs want you to believe it will be revenue neutral but it sure doesn't look that way to me. The government in Ontario is giving each resident a \$ 1000.00 cheque. Our government should forget about doing the same in BC. It will not even begin to pay the first year increase in costs. Remember the \$ 100.00 we received when the carbon tax was introduced?

Let's send a message to our MLA, (perhaps even this email) talk about it to your friends, send this email to everyone you can think of. These figures don't include some major key items such as car and home insurance going up 7%, home heating oil and gas for your car and natural gas for your home are going up 7 %. Just think about this the next time you eat in a restaurant. The entire bill will be taxed at 12% and the suggested tip is 15% for a total of 27%.

Trips to chiropractors, naturopaths and other important services up 7%,

Home purchases, used car purchases and many more that no one has thought about yet.

It is time to act before it is too late.

This is done to save business money by combining the two taxes (PST and GST) but there are already exceptions so why is there a need to add PST to items that don't have PST on them other than as a tax grab. Let those MLA's know how unhappy we are.

Seniors living in retirement enjoy a lifestyle different than the one they lived while at work. In retirement, to be active, often means paying a fee, a membership, an admission, a subscription or for costs for travel, etc.

We have calculated that the impact of this will be more costly for seniors, than anyone has reported.

Consider a retired couple, receiving total retirement income of \$41,400 after tax per year, healthy enough to enjoy some comfort in retirement.

Many of those items used on a daily basis will now be subject to an **7% cost increase**, because of the new harmonized sales tax introduced by the Liberal government

Look at just a few of those items that **will cost more, without getting more.**

- **Cable TV:** if \$60 monthly, yearly increase is **\$50.40 more.**
- **Golf Fees:** if \$1,500 yearly X 2, yearly increase is **\$210.00 more**
- **Gym Membership:** if \$35 month X 2, yearly increase is **\$58.80 more.**
- **Hydro:** if \$85 monthly, yearly increase is **\$71.40 more.**
- **Haircuts:** if \$450 annually for 2 people, yearly increase is **\$31.50 more.**
- **Heating Fuel:** if \$1000. annually, yearly increase is **\$64.00 more.**
- **Internet:** If \$65 monthly, yearly increase is **\$70.00 more.**
- **Income Tax Prep.** If cost is \$150 X 2, yearly increase is **\$21.00 more.**
- **Legal Fees:** for wills, P.Of A., advice, etc. Add 7%, **???** more
- **Hockey/Football/Baseball Game Tickets** **???** more
- **Magazine Subscription:** **???** more
- **Movie Tickets:** one per month X 2, yearly increase is **\$20.16 more**
- **Newspapers Subscription:** \$20 monthly, yrly incr. Is **\$16.80 more**
- **Curling Fees:** if \$600. yearly x 2 is **\$84.00 more**
- **Telephone:** if \$48 monthly, yearly increase is **\$40.32 more**

- **Echo Players/Bard to Broadway, Chemainus Theatre Tickets: ?**
- **Vacation Travel:** \$450 airline ticket X 2, yrly increase **\$63.00 more**

- Veterinarian: Beagle is Family! **Add more.**
- Vitamins: **Add more**
 - Tim Hortons Coffee: 3 per week X 2, yrly increase is **more**

**NEW TAXES OVER \$2,100.00 MORE every year.
What will your family pay.... really think about it.
What about our children & grandchildren.....We
have to act now.**

IS THIS A NEW HIDDEN TAX TO HELP PAY FOR THE 2010 OLYMPICS?

Coincidentally, this tax is coming in 2010!